A Quick Introduction to

XENOGENDERS



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So, What Are Xenogenders?

To put it simply, xenogenders are genders that are not able to be explained in regular gender terms: "feminine", "masculine" and "neutral", for example



People who use xenogenders might describe their gender through animals, concepts, or objects (to name a few), but there's a ton of ways to be xenogender: far too many to explain in a zine!

How Does That Even Work?

Almost everyone with a gender has non-gendered concepts that they associate with their gender!

To explain as simply as possible, imagine a woman really likes the color pink, and feels that it connects to her womanhood.



Replace "woman" with "person" and "womanhood" with "gender", and you've got yourself the the definition of pinkgender, a xenogender!

You Just Said Almost Everyone Has Those...

Correct! HOWEVER, it's a person's choice to label it and make it a part of their identity.

There's plenty of queer people who *technically* fit a label, but choose to use umbrella terms (or even no labels) instead of more specific ones!



Give Some More Examples

Sure! Do note that this isn't even a fraction of all the xenogenders.



Angelgender: A gender connected to angels.

Pupgender: A gender connected to dogs and/or puppies





Lithigender: A gender that is felt strongly during manic episodes and weakly during depressive episodes

Lesbiangender: A gender connected to being a lesbian





Egogender: A gender so personal it can only be described as "you"

Aren't These All Made Up?

All genders are made up! Do you think a dog is thinking about gender? It's a human social construct!

These Terms Are Too New To Count

Maybe newly named, yes, but just because something wasn't named didn't mean it didn't exist before. Besides, being new doesn't deny the legitimacy of something.

I Don't Know Anyone Offline Who Uses Xenogenders

That's because they're not very likely to be accepted in real life by general society (or even by other queer people!). The internet can be a safe place to explore and express yourself with like-minded people.

I Still Don't Understand

That's alright! The most important thing is that you respect others' identities.

If you're on the internet, you may have heard the term "xenogender". If you're not, this might be an entirely new concept to you!

Please read this zine with an open mind :-)

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